

Appendix A: Regional Environmental Justice Small Grant Projects, 1994 through 1998

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Year 1: 1994-1995

1. Asian Immigrant Women Advocates. Oakland, CA — \$5,000

Environmental Health and Safety Project of Asian Immigrant Women Electronics Assemblers. The project's ongoing environmental health and safety program includes newsletters, workshops, and training for these workers. The project provided environmental health information in several Asian languages and included tips on protection from hazardous materials in the workplace.

2. California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLA). Sacramento, CA — \$5,000

Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment. The grant supported CRLA's farmworker education and the production of a newsletter, *Race, Poverty, and the Environment*, as well as a legal assistance network, an organizing group, and a worker's safety group. These groups provided technical and legal assistance, information on health and safety, and education on environmental hazards to low-income people and people of color.

3. Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA — \$10,000

The Lead Poisoning Public Awareness Campaign worked to increase awareness of lead poisoning in low-income communities and communities of color. They distributed information about lead abatement and lead poisoning in the home and workplace to African-American and Latino organizations that provide childcare.

4. Environmental Health Coalition (EHC). San Diego, CA — \$10,000

Latino Environmental Education Empowerment Project: Por La Vida Environmental Justice Workshops. EHC worked with the community group Por La Vida to host workshops that informed Latino communities in San Diego about environmental problems, health hazards, risk reduction, and pollution prevention in their neighborhoods. The project focused on training *consejeras* (Latina women in the community) to act as peer counselors and educators.

5. Golden Gate University, School of Law. San Francisco, CA — \$4,500

Environmental Law and Justice Clinic: The Community Legal Education Project. The project employed students and faculty at the University's environmental law clinic to create the *Citizens' Guide to Enforcing Environmental Laws in California*. The guidebook explains how communities can play an active role in implementing state and federal environmental laws.

6. The Ethnic Coalition of Southern California. Los Angeles, CA — \$6,000

Community Empowerment for Environmental Justice, Targeting People of Color in Greater Los Angeles and Surrounding Area. Low-income people and people of color were involved in the organizing and development of four community forums at which local public officials, business people, and residents discussed environmental problems and environmental justice in the Los Angeles area.

7. University of Hawai'i, School of Law. Honolulu, HI — \$9,868

Kupa'a Mahope o ka Aina: Workbook for Environmental Justice for Native Hawai'ians. This project developed a workbook outlining state and federal lawmaking procedures that directly impact Hawai'i's environment. The workbook, which was designed to encourage involvement of Native Hawai'ians in decision making, was distributed at neighborhood workshops held on all of Hawai'i's main islands (see Success Stories).

Year 2: 1995-1996

1. Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). Oakland, CA — \$20,000

Bay Area Seafood Consumption Study. APEN worked with other groups to form a collaboration between the African American and Laotian communities in Richmond, California. The groups evaluated existing outreach and education efforts relevant to contaminated fish (actual fishing and fish consumption habits) and shared information with fishers in both communities.

2. African American Development Association, Inc. Oakland, CA — \$20,000
Lead Poisoning Reduction, Verdese Carter Park.

This project provided education to residents of Elmhurst, a predominantly African American and Latino community in Oakland. AADA provided workshops about environmental justice, lead exposure and lead hazard reduction in the home, as well as hazard maintenance equipment and supplies and home monitor and reevaluation logs.

3. Arizona Department of Health Services Center for Minority Health. Phoenix, AZ — \$18,585

Espectaculo Publico. The goal of this project was to motivate migrant and seasonal farmworkers and the general public in south-eastern Arizona to be more conscious of pesticide-provoked illnesses through an alternative education approach. An *espectáculo público* (a play) was written depicting a family learning to protect themselves from pesticide-related illnesses. It was performed by a local community theater group and is available as a Spanish-language picture book.

4. California Institute for Rural Studies. Davis, CA — \$20,000
Environmental Justice Practice and Education for Farmworker communities. CIRS worked with other agencies and organizations to develop and implement a training program to certify promotoras as trainers of farmworkers in pesticide safety. The promotoras worked with neighbors and compadres/comadres to recognize health hazards from agricultural chemicals and poor sanitation.

5. Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment (Diné CARE). Winslow, AZ — \$20,000
Recycling and Cleanup Program. Diné CARE, an all-Navajo community-based environmental organization, initiated a recycling and cleanup program for the Dilkon, Teesto and Seba Dalkai communities. The group presented informational workshops, established a recycling drop-off center, and taught about risk reduction and pollution prevention. (see Success Stories)

6. Don't Waste Arizona/Diné Alliance. Phoenix/Winslow, AZ — \$20,000
Black Mesa Community Survey. The Diné Alliance, a Navajo grassroots organization,

worked with residents living near the Black Mesa Coal Mine to identify environmental concerns. The Alliance also conducted an Environmental Health Needs Assessment Survey and developed an outreach and training program.

7. El Pueblo Clinic, TCE Program. Tucson, AZ — \$20,000

"Is My Health at Risk Because of TCE?" The promotoras program trained volunteers in the community adjacent to the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund site. Volunteers conducted a door-to-door campaign seeking to increase the predominantly low-income Latino community's knowledge of TCE exposure, health issues, and health services available at El Pueblo Clinic. (El Pueblo Clinic's TCE program was established in 1994 to provide primary and specific TCE exposure-related health care to residents who might have been exposed to TCE from the Superfund Site.)

8. Living is For Everyone (LIFE). Nogales, AZ — \$20,000

Nogales Border Health and Environment Project. LIFE worked with other community groups to address the environmental health issues in this predominantly low-income Latino community on the U.S.-Mexico border. The project provided environmental health workshops, a quarterly bilingual newsletter, monthly lupus screening clinics, and outreach and case management services. LIFE worked with individual community members to strengthen their leadership skills and encouraged them to share their knowledge of local environmental health issues with friends and neighbors.

9. Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee. National City, CA — \$20,000

The Toxic Free Barrio Logan Campaign. combined the efforts of the Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee, the Environmental Health Coalition and the Mercado Apartments Tenants Association. The campaign provided basic environmental education to the 600 low income, predominantly Latino residents of the Mercado Apartments. Specific activities included a watershed protection workshop and establishing a Toxics Watch hotline and resource library.

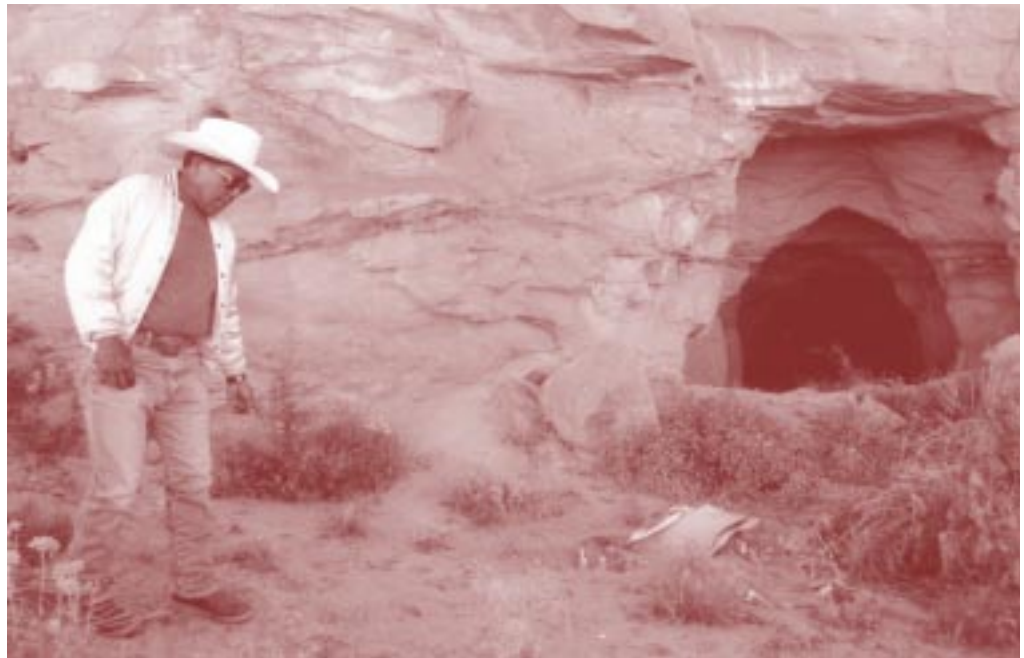
10. NACO Border Commerce. Naco, AZ — \$20,000

Naco Border Sanitation Study. This border sanitation project developed a strategy for collecting and treating wastewater to minimize environmental risk. A model agreement

between Naco, AZ, and the Sonoran government for collection and treatment of wastewater and a public awareness program were also developed.

11. Pesticide Watch. San Francisco, CA — \$20,000

The Community Coalition to End Pesticide Drift is made up of community groups working to protect their health and the environment from dangerous pesticide drift from adjacent agricultural fields. This project targeted rural, low-income communities and communities of color that are at risk for pesticide exposure. The project funded regional meetings, participation on a statewide agricultural urban interface task force, an informational hotline, and public service announcements.



"For the younger generation to be aware [of the hazards of uranium mining]; it has to be taught to them and shown, so they can learn about it." Joe Ray Harvey, Cove, Arizona. From Memories Come to Us in the Rain and The Wind. Oral Histories and Photographs of Navajo Uranium Miners & Their Families. Photo by Doug Brugge.

12. Puna Malama Pono. Pahoa, HI — \$20,000

Community Based Air Monitoring. This air toxics project trained local volunteers in the Puna District, a rural and predominantly low-income community, to monitor the air emissions from a local geothermal plant. A portable recording monitor was used to collect data on the emissions of hydrogen sulfide. The community worked with air toxics experts on training volunteers and maintaining the monitor.

13. Ramona Gardens Resident Advisory Council. Los Angeles, CA — \$11,851

Project Restore Ramona. This project familiarized residents of an East Los Angeles public housing complex with issues that affect their immediate environment. Tenants led the activities and materials were written in English and Spanish. The residents initiated an oil recycling program and cleaned up and restored neglected open spaces with sod and trees donated from local nurseries (see Success Stories).

14. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Scottsdale, AZ — \$8,860

The Community Environmental Awareness Demonstration Project helped focus the community on environmental responsibility. The tribe held an environmental priorities survey of

the community and several workshops designed to raise awareness. Key environmental issues identified by the community included hazardous waste transport, lead, radon, indoor air quality, water quality, and pollution prevention.

15. Sierra Club. Los Angeles, CA — \$20,000

Lead Poisoning Education Project. The Sierra Club worked with local environmental justice organizations to produce and distribute an educational video and pamphlets about the dangers of lead in the home and how to reduce exposure. The video is specific to the Los Angeles area and was distributed to severely affected low-income communities and communities of color.

16. Tufts University, School of Medicine. Boston, MA — \$19,702

Navajo Uranium Miner Oral History and Photography Project. Staff and volunteers conducted interviews, still photography, and video taped Navajo miners exposed to dangerous levels of radiation from the 1940's through the 1970's. They collected information in Shiprock, AZ and on the Navajo Nation. A traveling exhibit is now available.

Year 3: 1996-1997

1. Asian Immigrant Women Advocates. Oakland, CA — \$5,000

Community and Workplace Risk Awareness Project for Asian Immigrant Women Electronics Assemblers. This grant helped strengthen the Environmental Health and Safety Project of Asian Immigrant Women Electronics Assemblers (see 1993-94). The project's environmental education program includes newsletters, workshops, and training for these workers. The project provided environmental health information in several Asian languages and included tips on protection from hazardous materials in the workplace.

2. Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). Oakland, CA — \$20,000

Asian/Pacific Islander Fish Consumption Study. APEN worked with other community groups on fish consumption issues. The groups evaluated existing outreach and education efforts relevant to contaminated fish (actual fishing and fish consumption habits), shared appropriate information within the communities and improved outreach and education in these communities.

3. Bernal Heights Housing Corporation. San Francisco, CA — \$20,000

Lead Hazard Education and Prevention Project. Low-income parents in the Bernal Heights, outer Mission and Excelsior districts of San Francisco learned about lead poisoning and lead hazard prevention and reduction in their homes and workplaces. BHHC provided workshops, conferences, bilingual educational materials, and vouchers to check out an abatement vacuum from Cole Hardware in the community. The project included a partnership with Consumer Action, local churches, day care centers, libraries, local businesses, and other nonprofit organizations.

4. California Rural Legal Assistance. Pomona, CA — \$19,980

Environmental Justice Program in 12 Rural Communities in California. This grant funded initial efforts of the Farmworker Women's Leadership Project, *Líderes Campesinas*, which works with two hundred and fifty farmworker women representing twelve farmworker communities throughout California. The program trained farmworker women as certified pesticide educators and environmental health advocates.

5. Chinatown Resource Center. San Francisco, CA — \$20,000

Chinatown's Community Education on Lead Poisoning Program. The program targeted Chinese-speaking adults who care for children under the age of six in their homes. This population faces a great risk of lead poisoning because the housing stock is old, and caregivers are often not licensed and have not received training or information about lead poisoning. The community education and outreach was jointly conducted with education on seismic safety facilitated by CRC's AmeriCorps volunteers at buildings slated for seismic retrofitting.

6. Environmental Health Coalition. San Diego, CA — \$20,000

Toxic Free Barrio Logan Campaign. This program was a combined effort of EHC and the Mercado Apartments Tenants Association. The goal was to educate, empower and organize residents of Barrio Logan around environmental justice issues. The campaign motivated residents to participate in community decisions by conducting a community health survey and monthly environmental health updates at the Tenants Association meetings (see Success Stories).

7. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Phoenix, AZ — \$19,702

Emergency and Community Right to Know Act Training for 8 Tribal Communities in Arizona. Tribes were given instruction and direct on-site technical assistance in coordinating a Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) and for the development of an emergency response plan. ITCA conducted meetings with tribal community-based emergency response representatives, met with tribal leaders on emergency response priorities, and assisted the tribes in development of the plans.

8. Los Angeles Conservation Corps. Los Angeles, CA — \$20,000

Environmental Spark - Clean Water & Recycling Community Education Project. The goal of this project was to utilize the energy, creativity and community awareness of Conservation Corps members to carry environmental messages to their communities. Corps members worked with residents to create projects dealing with recycling, recycled oil, or storm drain dumping and involved community members in environmental cleanup and pollution prevention projects that Corps members do on an ongoing basis.

**9. Native Hawaiian Advisory Council.
Honolulu, HI — \$20,000**

E Alu Like Mai I Ka Pono (Coming Together for Justice). This project was designed to educate Native Hawaiians on the legislative and administrative processes by which agencies make environmental decisions. Project participants prepared *E Alu Like Mai I Ka Pono: A Guidebook to Hawai'i's Legislative and Administrative Processes*. This was a joint project between the Native Hawaiian Advisory Council and the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii (see Success Stories).

10. Paa Qavi, Incorporated. Hotevilla, AZ — \$20,000

Used Oil Recycling Project. Before the project, the nearest proper oil disposal facility to Hotevilla was in Winslow, 70 miles away. Due to a high rate of used oil dumping on Hopi land, this project set up a nearby used oil recycling station. In addition, the project provided individuals, villages and local businesses with information about the possible hazards of improperly disposing of used oil and proper methods of disposal.

11. Project Concern International. San Diego, CA — \$20,000

Community-Based Hygiene Education and Water Purification Program. Project Concern worked with Vista Community Clinic to increase understanding of environmental sanitation, demonstrate simple low-cost techniques for water storage and disinfection, and improve hygiene-related behaviors among migrant workers in northern San Diego County.

12. San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners. San Francisco, CA — \$20,000

Environmental Justice Youth Leadership Program. The purpose of this program is to develop effective youth leaders and activists who will use their newly acquired skills and knowledge to help educate the Bayview-Hunter's Point community around environmental justice issues. In addition, these youth will encourage friends, family, and neighbors to participate in workshops that address environmental issues in the Bayview-Hunter's Point area (see Success Stories).

13. Save San Francisco Bay Association. Oakland, CA — \$20,000

Seafood Consumption Information Project (SCIP). This project developed and implemented a community education program that effectively educated and trained subsistence fishing communities in San Francisco, Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin counties about how to minimize health risks associated with Bay seafood consumption. A video, educational brochures and poster about safe seafood consumption were also published.

14. West County Toxics Coalition. Richmond, CA — \$20,000

Lead Contamination Project (LCP) was established to research the extent of lead poisoning in housing in West Contra Costa County and to facilitate the development of strategies to address the problem through community awareness, outreach and advocacy. LCP educated citizens and community-based organizations about the nature of lead poisoning, the need for testing and home screening, as well as preventative measures and resources for dealing with the problem.

The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners in action

